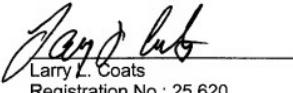


**REMARKS**

The comments of the Examiner as set forth in the office action of November 7, 2006 have been carefully studied and reviewed. In this response claims 9, 19 and 23 have been amended to address the concerns raised by the Examiner. It is believed that this places the present application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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